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Re: Appointment of Special Investigative Team on Sunshine Law and Record Retention Policy in the Office of Governor

Dear Mr. Pleban:

I am writing in response to your letter of January 11, 2008, seeking a 60 day extension of the deadline for completion of the above referenced investigation. We initially imposed a limit on the length of your appointment because we had hoped that this investigation could be wrapped-up quickly. Based on your letter it appears, due to actions outside of your control, that the investigation can not be completed as quickly as we had hoped. Therefore, we grant the requested extension of your appointment to Monday, March 17, 2008. While it was necessary for you to seek an extension of your appointment from this office, you should continue to operate independently as to how you conduct the investigation. Your initial engagement authorizes you to make all necessary decisions as to how to proceed with the investigation without consultation with this office, including the decision whether to initiate litigation. That authority continues.

Sincerely,

JEREMIAH W. (JAY) NIXON

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